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2012 Yukon River Fall Salmon Fishery News Release # 20 Fall Announcement # 17, Subdistricts 5-B and 5-C Commercial Period 1

Districts Affected: Upper Yukon Area

In Subdistricts 5-B and 5-C, commercial fishing will be open for one 5-day fishing period from 6:00 p.m. Tuesday, August 14, until 6:00 p.m. Sunday, August 19. Gillnets will be restricted to six-inch or smaller mesh.

For all of Subdistricts 5-B and 5-C, no Chinook salmon can be sold during this commercial opening. Fishermen can release live Chinook salmon or use them for subsistence purposes. **Chinook salmon caught but not sold must be reported on fish tickets.** All salmon harvested during commercial fishing operations must be recorded on a fish ticket at the time of sale. Salmon harvested and not sold should be recorded on the fish ticket as "not sold". Commercial fishermen should confirm their market prior to commercial fishing. This commercial period will be open concurrently with the current subsistence fishing period.

Recorded fishery announcements and updates will be available 24 hours a day at 1-866-479-7387. If you have any questions regarding this report, please call the Emmonak ADF&G office at 949-1320 or the Fairbanks ADF&G office at 459-7274.

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